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requirement of election of a single species of insecticidal agent, Applicants respectfully request **election of fungi**, as disclosed in the specification at paragraph 0066, line 4. However, if the Examiner believes that a more specific election is required, **Applicants elect *Metarhizium anisopliae*** as the insecticidal agent. This election is made with traverse.

Applicants believe that claims 1-21 and 24-27 are readable on the elected species. Claims 1-7, '9-21, and 24-27 are generic to each of the elected species, while claim 8 is limited the elected species gossypol and is generic to the insecticidal agent. Although claims 22 and 23 are generic with respect to the phyllophage toxin, both are limited to non-elected insecticidal agents.

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 remain of record in this application.

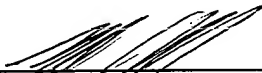
Traversal of Election

Applicants believe that the examination of all claims can be made without serious burden if election is not required. While the Examiner has indicated that the species are patentably distinct, Applicants believe that the searches for each would be coextensive.

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In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the requirement for election of species be reconsidered and withdrawn, and that all species receive action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,



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